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STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, October 27, 2010
Nye County Commissioner Chambers
2100 E. Walt Williams Drive, Pahrump, NV 89048

The Nevada State Conservation Commission held a public meeting on October 27, 2010 -10:30 am at the Nye County Commissioner Chambers, 2100 E. Walt Williams Drive, Pahrump, NV 89048. The State Conservation Commission considered and acted on the following items on October 27, 2010.

Board Members Present: Joe Sicking, Paradise/Sonoma CD; Chris Freeman, Nevada Tahoe CD; Eric Rieman, Carson Valley CD; Leland Wallace, Esmeralda CD; Joseph Fortier, CD of Southern Nevada; Donna Lamm, Southern Nye County CD.

Board Members Absent: Ed Foster, NV Dept. of Agriculture; Vance Vesco, Big Meadow CD; Dr. Rangesan Narayanan, UNR College of Agriculture Biotechnology and Natural Resources.

Others Present: Jim Lawrence, Executive Secretary, NV Division of Conservation Districts; Kelly McGowan, NV Division of CDs; Sandi Gotta, NV Division of CDs; Brandi Ré, NV Division of CDs; Marlene Wallace, Esmeralda CD; Barbara Perlman-Whyman, Nevada Tahoe CD.

I. CALL TO ORDER - Quorum established.

A. Chairman Sicking called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Introductions were made of those present. Commissioner Fortier joined the meeting via teleconference.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *ACTION*

A. The agenda was approved as written via a motion to approve by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Rieman, motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comment.

IV. OLD BUSINESS - *ACTION*

A. Continuation of items from the October 25, 2010 State Conservation Commission meeting that may require discussion or action as noted on the agenda.

1. The commission reviewed the Great Basin Water Authority's (GBWA) inter-basin water transfer recommendation letter and discussed whether to support their recommendations or draft a recommendation letter of their own. After a lengthy discussion, the commission agreed to have staff draft a letter. The letter is to include all of item 1 and sections a, d, f, g and h of item 2 and item 3 from the GBWA proposal for legislation letter. Staff will draft a letter requesting an amendment to the regulation to

adopt language providing a definition of “environmentally sound”. Staff will submit the letter to Chairman Sicking for approval and signature. The approved letter will be distributed to Jason King, State Engineer, Leo Drozdoff, DCNR Director and the Governor. Commissioner Lamm made a motion to draft the letter, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS - *ACTION*

A. Consideration of resolutions approved by the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts on October 26 and 27, 2010.

1. *Pinon-Juniper Resolution*. After review of the resolution the commission requested staff to draft a letter of support. Commissioner Rieman made a motion to draft the letter, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, motion passed.
2. *Amendment of Livestock Care Standards Board Resolution* – presented last year. Staff drafted a letter after the November 2009 NvACD annual meeting providing support for the resolutions. Additional amendments have been made to the original resolution and a request to update and resubmit a letter of support was requested. Commissioner Wallace made a motion to support the amended resolution and resubmit a letter of support, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, 5 approved, 1 opposed, motion passed.

VI. COMMISSIONER ITEMS – No commissioner comments.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS- No public comment.

VIII. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - *ACTION*

- A. Next meeting will be held via teleconference in February 2011.
- B. Agenda items will include any legislation items in need of review.
- C. Review staff drafted letters addressing regulation change for the definition of environmentally sound and support of NvACD resolutions.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - *ACTION*

- A. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Rieman, Chairman Sicking adjourned the meeting at 11:17 pm.